

Session 1 Workshops 9:20 – 10:45

Simulations for Stats

Presenter: Craig Miller, Normandale Community College

Mr. Miller will use a three-prong approach to accelerate understanding of beginning accounting concepts. First, students will visualize accounting activity via an animation approach to transactions. Next is a tactile exercise where students will physically post objects to financial statement maps. Finally, learn about computer simulation.

Google Tools (Also in Session 2)

Presenter: Molly Schroeder, Technology Integration Specialist, Edina Public Schools

Many teachers use Google search, but Google also provides dozens of other free tools for educators - and it seems like there's "even more" everyday. Google Certified Teacher, Molly Schroeder will show how Google can be used to enhance any classroom using tools for teacher productivity and student learning. Discover amazing tools available to students, teachers and educational institutions that are looking for collaboration and communication tools. Participants will discuss how school districts are increasing student learning and collaboration by leveraging free Google tools.

Get Their Attention with Podcasting (Also in Sessions 2 & 3)

Lynda Ernst, Instructor at South Central College

Bring your cell phone. Get your students' attention by "talking" to them! Well, I know...you have been talking to them for years! This will be different. Sometimes they won't read it, but they might listen to it! Add audio instructions, explanations, directions, jokes, etc., to web pages. Have these things available as podcasts that students can fall asleep to as they listen to their mp3 players! Get the information to them any way you can! Lynda would like you to learn to podcast using your phone too.

Moodle (Also Session 3)

Jesse Theirl, Business and ProPEL (mentorship program) Instructor

Moodle Mania! Come learn about how Moodle can be utilized to streamline your life and extend the boundaries of the traditional classroom

Work-Based Learning (WBL) – The Practicing Approach (Also Session 3)

Al Hauge – Career Development and Work-Based Learning Specialist at the Department of Education

Kathryn Larson – Business Teacher and Business Internship Coordinator, the Work-Based learning program in Owatonna.

This session will provide a detailed explanation of how a Work-Based Learning Program should look and then how it is implemented within a school setting.

SMARTboard Introduction, Hands-On Training

Angela Hartman, business teacher at Underwood High School and MBEI Member, Certified by SMART Technologies, Inc. as a trainer.

Do you know what a SMARTboard is? If you have never seen a SMARTboard or don't know what it does, this is the session for you. We will use the training materials provided through SMART Technologies to briefly look at the tools included in the Notebook software that comes with your SMARTboard and some of the other things a SMARTboard can do.

Creating On-line Surveys and VoiceThread (Also in Session 2)

David Braaten – Business Education Dept Chair, Instructional Leader & Victoria Wilson, Library Media Specialist Hopkins High School

This session will be two-fold. **First**, participants will have an opportunity to explore and learn how to create and more efficiently gather and analyze data. This is a great way to survey parents, students and the business community. Get what you want quickly to be able to do what you want. It only takes minutes to do!

Second, participants will explore a web-based application called VoiceThread. This is multimedia learning applications are a great way for students to be creative while displaying their knowledge of subject matter. It's poster board done "live". It's fun, easy to learn, and adds some flair to class projects. Explore how to use it and share creative ways to build it into your business curriculum. Participants will have time to create a lesson of choice. So, bring your ideas and start applying what you just learned!

MN Business Education Survey Results

Jean Kyle and Jennifer Cherry

Report on the results of the Minnesota High School Business Programs survey that Dr. Judith Lambrecht and Jean Kyle completed (2007-2008 school year).

Marketing Your Program

Sonya Weiler

We teach it, but are we positioning our programs right? Learn about how various teachers are marketing their programs to increase student enrollments. In addition, be ready to share your ideas!

Session 2 Workshops 11:00 – 12:30

Office 2007 (Also offered in Session 3)

DJ Dahl, Business and ABE Instructor/Webmaster, St. Paul Schools; Adjunct Business faculty, North Hennepin Community College.

Have you looked at the new Microsoft Office 2007 and were you surprised by the difference in its appearance? We'll examine Word, Excel, and PowerPoint 2007. See what's new, where to find the old, get some tips, and practice using the new programs.

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Gaming/Interactive Virtual Realty

John Heckman, Director

Johnson Center for Simulations, Pine Technical College

As director of the service center that produces virtual reality and serious games for education since January 2000 John will share with you the technology opportunities for you in your classroom.

TV Trainer (also offered in Session 3)

Bob Voss, Dakota County Technical College

TV Trainer is the ideal training solution for meeting the digitally-disconnect worker at their initial, appropriate, technological skill set, getting them off on the right foot for future success. It provides innovative culturally-based training programs for the Hispanic employee demographic that deliver increased knowledge retention, morale, and skills, while decreasing operational human resources costs.

SMART in Business: Simple Ideas for Using a SMARTboard in your Business Classroom

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Do you have a SMARTboard, but haven't been trained in how to use it for your class? Do you want to see how another business educator uses a SMARTboard in her classroom? I'll demonstrate some simple ways I have used a SMARTboard to help teach my curriculum.

“Making It Personal: Personal Financial Literacy” (Also offered in Session 3)

Cengage Learning

Start now to teach students the value of a dollar. Personal Finance has emerged as one of the hottest courses in business education; and it's never too early to get students on the path to financial responsibility. In this session we will explore the topics and trends in Personal Finance, what resources are available to teachers, and why it's more important than ever to students' long-term personal success.

School Store

Sonya Weiler & Callon Siebenahler – Business Teacher/BPA Advisor/School Store Coordinator South St. Paul Secondary School.

Exciting things are happening with this small community of school store experts. Join this session and learn from their success.

Session 3 Workshops 1:30 – 3:00

Office 2007 (See Session 1 description) DJ Dahl

Google Docs

Tyler Shepard, Wayzata High School, Business & Computer Technology Teacher/ BPA Co-Advisor
Participants will be introduced to a variety of Google tools for Educators. Participants will be provided with a very thorough foundation of what Google has to offer and how each tool can be incorporated in the classroom to enhance student learning and increase student interaction.

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Virtual Vistas in Online Learning

Karen Johnson, Minnesota Department of Education, School Choice Programs and Services
Come learn about the current state of online learning in Minnesota for K-12 students and educators. Will Minnesota follow Michigan with an online learning graduation requirement? What does a statewide digital learning commons look like? How can anyone search and locate an online class from a certified provider? We will discuss statewide policy and practice and review new initiatives that will make digital learning objects, courses and curriculum more accessible to schools, educators, and students across the state.

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SMART Training

Nathan Koering, SMART Technologies MN Representative